

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application;

--1. - 4. (Cancelled)

--5. (Currently Amended) A multi-channel audio system comprising:

an electronic apparatus provided on a back panel thereof with at least four audio signal output terminals for a plurality of channels;

a plurality of speakers for generating acoustic output for each of said plurality of channels in a form of audio signals output from said audio signal output terminals; and

a plurality of connecting cable members, each of said plurality of connecting cable members incorporating a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities and sheathed by one of a plurality of insulating sheathing members for connecting said electronic apparatus to said plurality of speakers, wherein

each of said audio signal output terminals is arranged corresponding to positions of said plurality of speakers, said plurality of speakers being arranged corresponding to said plurality of channels, wherein

each of said audio signal output terminals is distinguished by one of a plurality of different respective colors for enabling each of said plurality of channels to be discernible, wherein

a colored mark that shows discernment corresponding to channels of the respective output terminal is displayed surrounding the respective output terminal on the back panel of the electronic apparatus whereat the audio signal output terminals are located; and

each of said plurality of connecting cable members is distinguished by one of said plurality of colors corresponding to a color distribution of said colored marks surrounding each of said audio signal output terminals, and wherein

said distinction of each of said plurality of connecting cable members is implemented by a plurality of thermally contractile tubes each bearing a different color secured to each of said plurality of connecting cable members, and wherein

one end of said connecting cable member has a plug connector structure fitted with said pair of conductor members in the form of a pair of coupling holes respectively connected to two conductor portions, wherein each said plug connector structure has a different respective color corresponding to the color distribution of said plurality of colored marks surrounding said audio signal output terminals;

said audio signal output terminals conform to a socket connector structure coupled with said plug connector member formed on one end of said connecting cable member;

each said socket connector mounted on the back panel of the electronic apparatus has a pair of connecting pins bearing a pair of polarities and position-controlling means for matching said polarities when an other of said plug connectors

is coupled with said socket connector;

wherein said pair of coupling holes are to be coupled with said two connecting pins and said plug connector includes a position-controlling means coupling portion to be coupled with said position-controlling means of said socket connector for matching said polarities.

--6. - 11. (Cancelled)

--12. (Previously Presented) The multi-channel audio system according to claim 5, wherein one of said plug connector members is secured to each end of each of said plurality of connecting cable members and one of said socket connectors is secured to each of said plurality of speaker terminals, wherein said plug connector members on each connecting cable member are the same color.

--13. - 15. (Cancelled)

--16. (Previously Presented) A multi-channel audio system comprising:

an electronic apparatus having a plurality of audio signal output terminals compatible with at least four of a plurality of channels and being mounted on a rear panel thereof;

a plurality of speakers for generating acoustic output for each of said plurality of channels in the form of an audio

signal output from each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals, wherein a plurality of colored labels are attached respectively to rear surfaces of said plurality of speakers, and wherein each colored label has a different respective color; and

a plurality of connecting cable members each having a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities, and each of said plurality of connecting cable members are individually sheathed with an insulating sheathing member and are used for connecting said electronic apparatus and said plurality of speakers, wherein

said audio signal output terminals corresponding to said plurality of channels provided for said electronic apparatus are individually distinguished by a plurality of different colored sheets affixed respectively surrounding said audio signal output terminals to visually discern individual channels, wherein a color distribution of said colored sheets corresponds to a color distribution of said colored labels; and

said plurality of connecting cable members is provided with specific different colors corresponding to a color distribution of said colors of said plurality of colored sheets respectively surrounding said plurality of audio signal output terminals for visual discernment of individual channels and corresponding to a color distribution of said plurality of colored labels affixed to said plurality of speakers, wherein

said distinguishing of each of said plurality of connecting cable members is performed using a plurality of

thermally contractile tubes each bearing a different color and secured to each of said plurality of connecting cable members, wherein

one end of each of said plurality of connecting cable members has a plug connector structure fitted with a pair of coupling holes bearing a pair of polarities each connected to two conductor portions, wherein each said plug connector structure has a different respective color corresponding to the color distribution of said plurality of colored labels and said plurality of colored sheets;

each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals conforms to a socket connector structure mounted on the rear panel of the electronic apparatus and has a pair of coupling pins for coupling with the coupling holes said plug connector member;

said plug connector member has position-controlling means for matching said polarities when coupled with one of said socket connector members; and

each of said socket connector members has a position-controlling-means coupling portion coupled with said position-controlling means of said plug connector member for matching said polarities.

--17. - 32. (Cancelled)